

ving her his address, so that it might be sent back to him the next day. He then duly received his property from the hands of the Duc de Berri himself, who, after thanking the young fellow, handed him a little pocket-book, in which the Duchess had herself embroidered the word "Merci." In one of the pockets was a paper notifying his promotion—he was in a Ministry—to a higher grade. The sneaky official might well say with M. Prudhomme, "Ce parapluie est le plus beau jour de ma vie."